

The News

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HAROLD J. SNELL
OPTICIAN & JEWELLER
FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS



THE GAUKWAR OF BARODA

Said to be the wealthiest of the Indian princes, who has purchased the C.P.R. steamer, "Empress of India," and will present it to the Imperial authorities to be used as a hospital ship.

Aspelund-Blindman News

The Christmas tree entertainment in the Blindman school house was held on Christmas Eve. A good programme was arranged, and a fair crowd attended. Candies, nuts and apples were served.

The Sunday School held their Christmas tree entertainment in the Aspelund school house on the evening of December 26th. The house was crowded to the walls, and well selected programme was rendered, composed of declamations, songs, quartette, instrumental music, etc. The programme ended with a short address from Rev. A. Hjortso pertaining to Christmas tides. After the address the Norwegian Lutheran congregation presented the Reverend with an envelope full of coins as a Christmas gift. Afterwards apples, nuts and candies were served to all.

R. O. Lowry, who with a government bridge crew near Lethbridge is spending the holidays with home folks.

Geo. Poiry's young folks from Bentley are visiting with C. E. Wells and family.

HOCKEY

Red Deer vs. Lacombe, New Year's Day.

Lovers of hockey will be pleased to hear that a game has been arranged for the afternoon of New Year's Day, between Lacombe and Red Deer, at Red Deer. Lacombe were the runners up in last year's intermediate championship, and fast game generally results from the meeting of these two teams. It is hoped the citizens will turn out in large numbers to support their team. Skating will take place at the close of the game, which commences at 2:45 p.m. James Mann, Secretary of the A.A.H.C. informs us that the Lacombe boys have been reinstated, and we understand they will be on the team against Lacombe. At the time of writing the result of Norman Hamley's application is not known.

Canada's Trade Beats Year Ago

Manufacturers Capture German Business—November is \$15,000,000 Over 1913.

Ottawa.—The monthly trade report shows the total trade for the month of November to have been \$128,455,399, an increase of \$15,000,000 over the same month last year. The total trade for the first eight months of the fiscal year was \$769,626,556, a decrease of \$11,000,000. Included in the trade figures are the imports of coin and bullion to the extent of \$48,329,727. The total imports, including the coin and bullion, were \$79,859,917. The customs revenue was \$5,013,062, against \$3,346,778 for the same month of last year. The customs revenue for the first eight months of the year were \$53,628,018, as against \$76,458,701.

One of the most encouraging features of the trade report is the increase in exports of manufactured articles, which show that Canadian business men are keenly responding to the appeal to capture their share of the German trade of the world.

British Aviators Make A Determined Attack Upon German Naval Base

Light Cruisers, Destroyers and Submarines Join in the Effort To Draw the Skulking German Navy from its Hiding Place, but to No Effect.

London, Dec. 27.—Assisted by light cruisers, destroyers and submarines, seven British naval aviators, piloting sea-planes, made a daring attack Christmas day on the German naval base at Cuxhaven, at the mouth of the Elbe. Six of the aviators returned safely, but the seventh, Commander Hewlett, it is feared, has been lost, as his machine has been found off Heligoland, wrecked.

What damage was done by the bombs thrown by the attacking party could not be ascertained, but the German report of the affair says that the raid was fruitless.

The enterprise of the British navy in this attempting to "dig out" the German fleet brought about a battle between the most modern of war machines. The British squadron, including the light cruisers Arethusa and Undaunted, which have been engaged in previous exploits on the German coast, was attacked by Zeppelin seaplanes and submarines.

AVOIDED THE SUBMARINES

By rapid manoeuvring the ships were able to avoid the submarines, while the Zeppelins found the fire of the cruisers too dangerous for them to keep up the fight. The German seaplanes dropped bombs, which, according to the British account, fell harmlessly into the sea. The Germans, however, claim to have hit two destroyers and their convoy, the latter being set afire.

The British ships remained in the vicinity for three hours without being attacked by surface warships, and picked up three of the seven pilots and the planes. Three others were picked up by submarines, and their machines were sunk. Commander Hewlett, it is thought, was drowned.

Regiment of Mounted Rifles in Alberta

WILL BE UNDER COMMAND OF COL. MACDONALD, CALGARY

Recruiting will probably start in Calgary for one squadron of the new Mounted Rifles Regiment on Monday next, and recruiting will likely start here in Red Deer the Monday following. Enlisting will proceed as quickly as receipt of clothing will permit. It is practically assured that the squadron raised in Red Deer will be recruited from officers for the entire regiment have been selected and their names sent forward to Ottawa for approval.

Red Cross Donations

The I.O.D.E. Red Cross Committee begs to acknowledge work returned as follows: Mrs. Durand, 6 bandages, 12 shirts, 3 belts, pair wristers; Mrs. Markie, 1 shirt; 2 convicts, 5 shirts; Miss Leroy, 2 shirts; Mrs. Simpson, 2 dozen handkerchiefs; Mrs. Carscadden, 5 bandages, 2 shirts; Mrs. McLennan, 1 helmet. Also the following donations: The Convent, 46 handkerchiefs, 18 wash cloths, 39 bandages.

The first shipment from Red Deer to headquarters at Calgary was made Tuesday, December 15th, and consisted of the following: 3 pillows, 1 hot water bottle, 2 abdominal belts, 10 cholera belts, 31 dozen wash cloths, 12 dozen handkerchiefs, 12 comforts, 18 shirts, 8 surgical shirts, 10 bandages, 100 triangular bandages, 100 wash coats, 2 hot water bottles, 27 covers, pair bed socks, 3 holsters, 27 pair wristers, 9 pairs socks.

Mrs. George, Co-venter. Mrs. Dunbar, Sec-Treas.

MARKET

The Christmas market on Thursday was well attended, and a fine supply of goods was on hand. Turkeys were not plentiful as the week previous, but there was a large quantity of geese, ducks and chickens, all nicely dressed, and very tempting. A number of the regular stall holders having got acquainted, find little difficulty in selling out early.

Prices were reasonable all round, but some going for those who tried to get their goods, such as three dressed turkeys for a dollar, etc.

Prices: Turkeys, 25c to 32c; geese, 15c to 20c; chickens, 12c to 15c; ducks, 15c to 18c; eggs, 40c; 45c dozen; butter, 30c lb; pork, 10c to 12c; mutton, 13c to 20c; beef, 12c to 15c; sausage, 12c lb; white fish, 8c lb; haddock, 15c lb; potatoes, 20c lb.

600 Pieces of Big Artillery Concentrated

Gen. Joffre Directs Terrible Fire on German Trenches Near Arras.

Paris, December 24, 12.30 p.m.—General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, said in a dispatch to the British and French military attaches at the field headquarters of the French army, three or four days ago, "Come with me and you will see something never seen before in this war."

The military attaches accompanied the general to a place near the line not far from Arras. There six hundred pieces of heavy artillery were placed in position so as to bear upon the German trenches.

The range already had been found. Upon a word from General Joffre, repeated by the line, the six hundred pieces opened a sustained fire on the German works and the spaces just beyond them. After a quarter of an hour, the French infantry charged. Not a hostile shot met them. Not a bayonet point met them over the edge of the trench.

The trenches were torn to pieces, as though by gigantic ploughshares. Dead and wounded men, half buried, littered the line where formerly had been the trenches. The few survivors were struggling to free themselves from heaps of earth. Those who had been killed by the shells were being buried by the bursting shrapnel shells in the rear of the German trenches. Probably not a man was left standing that part of the line escaped.

CHEERFUL NEWS FROM CONTEST IN THE EAST

Germans Now Admit That Reverse of Russians Was Not Serious; German Offensive Broken.

Copenhagen, December 24.—Private advices from Berlin admit for the first time that the Russian retreat in Poland was not a big defeat for the German troops, but only a strategic retreat into better positions previously fortified for just such a purpose.

Rome, December 24.—The German offensive against Warsaw and against the Russian forces before Cracow has been everywhere broken, says a dispatch from the Russian capital.

The successful assaults upon both wings of Gen. von Hindenburg's army on the Drusa have checked his ability to advance.

Before Cracow, it is further declared, the Russian advance guards are again in the vicinity of that city.

Christmas in Red Deer

From all reports Christmas Day was celebrated here in a quiet but thoroughly enjoyable manner. The day was rather a cold one, and there was not a large number of people on the streets owing to that cause. The real Christmas spirit, however, was seen in the hearty handshakes, the cheery words, and the packages being conveyed from one home to another. The children, as is most always the case, had a good time, commencing in the early hours of the morning, and keeping the rolling, as it were, until bedtime at night. Many grownup men, who keep very quiet all year, made a point of visiting their friends for a few hours on Christmas Day, and letting themselves go as it were, but this time, try as we will, there is that thought of what is transpiring in this awful war always with us, which has somewhat checked the exuberance of our spirits, and has made us look after their good wishes with the Christmas spirit can be shown. The churches holding services in the morning had good congregations. There being no hockey games or other sport during the afternoon, most every one was forced to stay indoors. In the evening the pictures at the Lyric drew a good house, and an impromptu dance in the armory, arranged in honor of the members of the 2nd contingent who spent Christmas in town, was also well patronized. There was a noble work also going on in town which numbers of people were not aware of, and which after that who unfortunately were in want. This work was done by a band of ladies in a quiet manner that could not be mentioned, and had no red tape about it. While, as far as we know, there is not much poverty in our midst, there is some, and it is cheering to know that some one was left to do to insure everyone having a house well provided with food stuffs on Christmas Day. Credit is coming to the Lyric after that who are carrying out their work.

COUNCIL OF 1414 HOLD LAST MEETING

Will Ask Government "to Help the Unemployed."

The last regular meeting of the 1914 Council was held in the Council Chamber on Monday afternoon, Dec. 28th, Mayor Carscadden presiding, with all members present.

Masonic Installation

The installation of officers for 1915 of Lodge No. 12, A.F. & A.M., took place on Monday last before a very large number of members and visiting brethren.

Right Worshipful Bro. W. J. Botteill and Worshipful Bro. W. F. Coote were the installing officers, their work being very impressive and greatly appreciated. At the close of the installation proceedings an adjournment was made to the banquet hall, where an exceptionally good lunch was laid out by the wardens and assistants. A special word of praise might be said of the show of ferns, plants and cut flowers loaned by Mr. J. Grant McGregor, which added beauty to the tables.

Worshipful Bro. H. H. Gatz presided and carried out the duties very nicely. The toast list was a short one, and responded to very ably by Bro. J. J. Snell, W. J. Stephenson, H. S. Dean, H. H. Gatz, E. Michener, J. J. Mann, J. T. Watson, Dr. Collicott, and Dr. Coote. The retiring Master, Bro. N. B. Chadsey, who is at present in California, was kindly remembered, and a telegram sent him at the close of the meeting.

The Junior Warden's toast brought to a close a memorable evening. The following officers were installed: W.M.—Bro. H. J. Snell. S.W.—Bro. W. J. Stephenson. J.W.—Bro. H. S. Dean. P.M.—Bro. N. B. Chadsey. Secretary—Bro. J. A. Mann. Chaplain—Bro. A. G. Ayres. O.G.—Bro. C. S. O'Leary. J.D.—Bro. W. H. Hagley. D.C.—Bro. P. Pidgeon. F.S.—Bro. H. H. Kingest. T.S.—Bro. S. Miller. Organist—Bro. G. E. Fleming. Tyler—Bro. J. A. Jarvis.

Trifling Changes Only Along The Battle Lines

Allies Win and Lose Some Ground

London, Dec. 28, 11 p.m.—The battle lines in the east and west have undergone only infinite changes in the past day. The French and German reports agree that the Germans have captured a section of trenches near Hollebeck, south of Ypres. The French assert that the Germans gave up trenches on the first line, to the extent of about 800 or 900 yards in the Lens region further east, while unsuccessful demonstrations have been made from both sides at various points along the extended lines.

The reports of the numbers of wounded both armies are sending back from the lines in Belgium appear to show that the fighting on Christmas day in that country was the fiercest of the past month. Correspondents in the rear say that the Belgians as a result of five days' sapping captured nearly three thousand Germans with only small losses to themselves. According to the Russian reports, the German attempts to capture Warsaw have failed, while the Berlin official statement says there is general confidence that the German and Austro-Hungarian forces are making progress along the great front.

JUSTIFIES BABY-KILLING

German Embassy Says Scarborough Was Fortified—No Word of Warning Was Given, However

Washington, Dec. 22.—The British embassy today issued the following statement: "The military attaché of the German embassy has justified the killing of women and children by the imperial navy at Scarborough and Whitby on the ground that these places were defended within the meaning of the Hague convention (the Russian)."

"Even if they were defended, the convention describes 'a reasonable time for waiting,' and due regard for sacred edifices and historical monuments. 'As a matter of fact, Scarborough is a seaside resort and Whitby a fishing village. Both are absolutely undefended. Their bombardment took place without the slightest notice and churches seem to have been specially singled out for attack.'"

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COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

The Commissioners brought in the following report: Regarding the petition for a hydrant in Woodlee, we beg to report that the nearest hydrants at present installed are on Douglas Street (5th Street North), one at the corner of Poplar Street and one at the corner of Centre Street. There are T's for hydrant connections installed on the water main on Waskasoo Ave. at the corner of Crescent Ave., Poplar Road and Ross Street. Fire Chief Meeres recommends that the hydrant be installed at the corner of Poplar Road to serve the district best. We have a spare hydrant on hand and recommend that we be authorized to have it installed at this point.

We recommend that a delegation be appointed to wait on the Provincial Government and ask for a grant for the city for the volunteers at Calgary camp belonging to the Red Deer Company, together with a card for each man conveying the season's greetings of the City of Red Deer. The matter will be presented.

All of which is respectfully submitted. S. N. CARSCADDEN, A. T. STEPHENSON, Commissioners.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts were passed: Bank of Montreal \$47.28, wages \$24.67, News Publishing Co. 6.00, Seymour & Dawe 50.00, G. H. Lindsay 94.50, F. A. Schurr 5.25, Red Deer Advertiser 21.50, G. W. Ball 25.00, Bank of Montreal 220.00, A. W. Peed 15.25, Hewson & Sons 36.14, H. Meeres 16.22, A. T. Stephenson 12.15.

UNEMPLOYMENT QUESTION.

During the discussion of ways and means of finding work for the unemployed, a suggestion was made that the bridge crossing the railway south of the city would be suitable work and it would be wise to ask the Provincial Government to do this. The following motion was passed: Moved by Aldermen Carscadden and Coote—that the Mayor, R. B. Weliver, President of Board of Trade, and E. Michener, M.P., be appointed a delegation to wait on the Provincial Government re. relief for the unemployed.

The railway committee of the Board of Trade, R. B. Weliver, E. Michener, M.P., and H. H. Gatz, were present by invitation, and addressed the Council on the matter. The Council in their discussion were of the unanimous opinion that Mr. Fraser was not treating them fairly. He had certainly led them to believe in his recent visit to the city that if they granted the concessions given by the Board of Trade by himself and



BRIGADIER-GENERAL SAM B. STEELE

recently appointed Inspector-General of forces in Western Canada.

unemployed of the city of Red Deer, carried.

Mayor Carscadden addressed the members briefly. He said before retiring from the honorable position of Mayor he wanted to say that it had been a pleasure to work with them. No Mayor had been supported by a more loyal body of men. Though they had not agreed on all questions the meetings had always been amiable. He felt the city would be in good hands, and hoped every good would be given the incoming Mayor. He would always be interested in their work, and hoped to find his way occasionally to the meetings.

Alderman J. A. Carswell said, as one of the senior Aldermen, he regretted that the hour of severance of our amicable relations, as far as Mayor Carscadden and Council were concerned, was at hand. The Council had been a harmonious one, and while the past year had been a hard one all over Canada and in Alberta, through business conditions, Red Deer had done as well as any town or city in the province, and every credit was coming to Mayor Carscadden for his work, and he had conducted affairs, and he hoped future business would be carried out as well.

Alderman Lord also briefly addressed the Council, stating he would hold pleasant recollections of his term on the Council, and hoped to be able to visit the Board occasionally, as he had always been greatly interested in the work.

The Council then adjourned.

Balmoral Christmas Tree

The Balmoral school district held their annual Christmas tree in the school house on Wednesday evening, December 23rd. A large audience was present and showed their appreciation of the excellent programme rendered, as well as the bountiful supper. The young people of the section are to be congratulated on the able manner in which the entire concert was planned and carried out. Mr. J. J. Gatz filled the chair in his usual able manner. The proceeds, which amounted to \$18.55, were handed in to the patriotic fund. The following is the programme rendered:

Opening chorus, "Christmas," by school; chairman's address, Mr. J. J. Gatz; recitation, "The Snow," Miss B. Lobb; solo, "School Days," Irene Haseline; dialogue, "The Royal Speakers," Richard and Cecil Lobb; doll drill, six boys; recitation, "The Goblinks," Miss D. Pyke; violin solo, "Oh, Canada," Mr. E. Lobb; dialogue, "Aunt Jane's Christmas," Miss D. Pyke; recitation, "The Campbells are Coming," six boys; recitation, "When Hilda Speaks Her Mind," Miss Lyla Piper; duet, "When the Dew is on the Rose," Misses Piper and Lobb; dialogue, "Going Tomorrow," recitation, Mr. Walde; drill, "Going Ahead Backwards," by the Balmoral Old Girls' Glee Club; The Coming of Santa Claus. God Save the King. The report as sent in ends here, and we are constrained to remark that it is incomplete, as the person most responsible for the entire training of the children is not mentioned, namely, Miss J. Traut, the teacher, who is to be congratulated on the success of her untiring efforts, which were highly appreciated by the parents present.

BIRTHS

At Hillsdown, Monday, December 31st, to Mr. and Mrs. H. White, a son. At Evergreen, Thursday, December 24th, to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin H. Chatwood, a son. To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McCune, Parkville, on December 24th, a son. At Red Deer, Sunday, December 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cochran, a son. At Valley Centre, Monday, December 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Kaser, a son.

DISSOLUTION SALE

A SALE WITH A REASON

Mr. R. C. McLEAN is retiring from the firm, and Mr. F. H. McLEAN and Mr. H. D. McLEAN will continue the business on a

CASH BASIS

And to inaugurate the new system we will give the

Most Stupendous Bargains

that were ever offered in Red Deer, commencing SATURDAY, JAN. 2nd, and continuing for FOURTEEN DAYS.

Our reputation is that when we offer a bargain, it is a bargain worth while. This time we will beat our own record.

PRICES TALK !! LISTEN !!

DRESS GOODS

We have put the knife right into these goods :
Plain Meltons, all colors; 42 ins. wide, Reg. 50c for 30c.
Fancy Tweed effects, 42 ins., Reg. 50c & 60c for 30c.
Plain Meltons, all colors; 54 ins. wide, Reg. 75c for 50c.

Ladies' Silk Dresses

A limited number to clear out, various colors and sizes. First class garments in every way.
Reg. 10.50, 12.00, 15.00, 17.00 for 5.00

Ladies' Wash Dresses

Two piece Tub dresses, middie style in White, Cope and linen color
Reg. 4.50, 5.00 and 6.00 for 2.00

Ladies' Serge Dresses

All wool, heavy serge, Roman stripe trimming, new goods and style right
Reg. 8.00 and 9.00 for 5.00

Ladies' Sweater Coats

Navy, Red and Gray
Reg. 1.50 for 75c.

Men's Suits

We are closing out men's Suits and Overcoats at a ridiculously low price. They are all new goods and the styles are right. Some are Scotch and English Tweeds and some are Worsteds.
Reg. 12.00 & 15.00 for 7.95; 17.00 & 20.00 for 11.95
Reg. 22.00 & 25.00 for 13.95

Men's Overcoats

Reg. 12.00 & 15.00 for 7.95; 18.00 & 20.00 for 11.95
Reg. 22.00 & 25.00 for 13.95
A special line of 25 Overcoats worth 15.00 & 18.00 for 9.95

Did you ever hear of such low prices?

Boys' Overcoats

Tweeds and well made
Reg. 6.00 to 7.50 for 3.95

Boys' Suits

Reg. 5.50 for 3.05; 6.50 for 4.85; 8.50 for 5.95

Boys' Pants

Reg. 1.50 for 90c 1.75 for 1.30

Men's Trousers

Reg. 3.00 for 1.95; 3.50 for 2.25; 5.00 & 5.50 for 3.75
Reg. 6.00 & 6.50 for 4.75

Men's Vests

Corduroy and Sheep Skin Lined
Reg. 5.00 for 2.50

Sheep Lined Coats

Reg. 7.00 for 4.50; 12.00 for 8.75; 7.75 for 5.25
Reg. 6.00 for 3.75

Men's Fur Coats

Natural Goat
Chinese Dog
Coon
Reg. 20.00 for 12.50
Reg. 22.00 for 13.75
Reg. 100.00 for 60.00
Reg. 125.00 for 80.00

Men's Fur Caps and Gauntlets

Persian Lamb, Astrakhan, Dog, etc. All for half price

Men's Shirts

Negligee Shirts, new goods
Reg. 1.25 for 60c.
Work shirts in Flannel and Meltons
Reg. 1.25 for 70c.
Reg. 1.50 for 90c. 1.75 for 1.20 2.25 for 1.50

Men's Underwear

Stanfield's Blue Label
Fleece Lined
Stanfield's Black Label, heavy gray ribbed
Reg. 1.25 a garment
Reg. 65c for 30c; 1.00 for 60c.
Reg. \$2 for 1.20

Men's Gloves

Moan wool lined
Reg. 1.25 for 80c. 1.50 for 95c.
Reg. 1.75 and 2.00 for 1.20

Men's Mitts

Reg. 1.25 & 1.50 for 95c. Heavy Gauntlet Mitts for driving
Reg. 1.75 for 1.15

LADIES' COATS

Never in the history of Red Deer have such high-class garments been offered at such a low figure.
The names "NORTHWAY" and "J. H. WINTER" stamp them as the best coats made in Canada, and the prices will be left to your own judgment.

Reg. 12.00 and 15.00 for \$4.95 Reg. 22.00 and 25.00 for 14.95
" 18.00 and 20.00 for 11.95 Reg. 28.00 and 30.00 for 16.95

If you need a Coat, don't wait, as the one you want may be gone, and we have only one of any style.

ART PICTURES

Very pretty for decoration.
Reg. 15c. to 30c. wholesale, at 6 for 25c.

LADIES' WAISTS

Dark colors, stripes and figures; suitable for work waists.
Reg. 65c & 75c. for 50c.

LADIES' WAISTS

Man Tailored Shirt Waists; cuffs and collar plain or pleated.
Reg. 2.00 to 2.50, for 1.00

GIRLS' SWEATERS

All wool, fancy knit; striped or plain
Reg. 2.00 & 2.50, for 50c.

CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR

Winter weight Combinations; vests, drawers, black tights, etc.
25 per cent off regular prices

LADIES' UNDERWEAR

Winter weight cotton, flat knit and fleeced.
Reg. 50c. for 35c.

CLOAKING

Heavy All Wool Plaid Kersey, browns and blues.
54 ins. wide
Reg. 3.00 for 2.00
A lot of remnants of Cloaking to clear out, 1 1/2 yds to 2 1/2 yds. each At HALF PRICE

LADIES' PLUSH SETS

Black Curl Cloth Stole and Muff, Reg. 5.00 for 3.00
Black Mirrored Plush Reg. 8.00 for 6.00
Grey Mole Skin Stole and Muff Reg. 10.00 for 7.00
Grey Mole Skin fringed Stole and Muff, Reg. 12.00 for 8.00

SHEETING

Bleached Sheeting, twilled or plain, 2 yds. and 2 1/4 yds. wide.
Reg. 35c. and 40c. for 25c.

TOQUES

Boys' or Girls' Toques in red or navy.
Reg. 40c. & 65c. for 25c.

REMNANTS

All kinds of goods, Silks, Dress Goods, Prints, Shirtings, Etc., at HALF PRICE

WOOL SHAWLS

Fancy Knit, pure wool, white, black and red.
Reg. 1.25 for 75c.

KERSEY FLANNEL

Heavy grey Kersey, 27 ins. wide; suitable for work shirts
Reg. 35c. for 15c.

HOSE SUPPORTERS

Children's size; black
Reg. 25c. for 15c.

Men's Felt Slippers

Reg. 75c. for 48c

Misses' Felt Slippers

Reg. 45c. for 35c.

Ladies' Felt Slippers

Reg. 1.50 for 95c.

Ladies' Felt Shoes

All felt shoes, Bals. Reg. 2.25 for 1.09
Felt Foxed Bals. Reg. 2.50 for 1.85

Children's Felt Shoes

High Top Reg. 1.05 & 1.75 for 89c.

Suit Cases

Reg. 3.50 for 2.55; 2.75 for 1.85; 3.75 for 2.85
Similar reductions on all Suit Cases, Bags and Trunks

Men's German Socks

Reg. 1.25 for 88c. Reg. 1.00 for 78c.

Boys' German Socks

Reg. 65c. for 49c.

Men's Felt Shoes

Felt lined, Elk sole, rubber heel Reg. \$5 & \$8 for 3.75
All felt Bals. Reg. 2.50 for 1.70
Felt Bals., leather sole Reg. 2.50 for 1.65
Men's leather harvesters Reg. 2.25 for 1.59

Men's Fine Shoes

50 pairs Patent Leather Gunmetal and Tan, Buttoned or Laced
Reg. 5.00 & 5.50 for 2.95

Men's Heavy Shoes

Very heavy Tan Elk Blucher, Williams make,
Reg. 5.00 for 3.65

Men's Overshoes

Buckle Overshoes Reg. 1.35 for 99c.
Buckle, Rolled edge Overshoes Reg. 2.00 for 1.55
High Top Overshoes Reg. 2.25 for 1.85
" " " 3.00 for 2.39

Men's Sheep Lined Moccasins

Reg. 1.00 for 75c.

Men's Elk Moccasins

Reg. 1.75 for 1.19

Men's Shoe packs

Reg. 2.25 for 1.39

Ladies' Shoes

75 pairs Gunmetal and Patent, regular first class stock
Reg. 4.50 & 5.00 for 2.75
50 pairs Gunmetal shoes Reg. 3.00 for 2.19

Ladies' Neck Furs

Black Hare Capeline Reg. 12.00 for 6.00
" Sable Stole " 8.00 for 4.00
Blue Fox Capeline Reg. 15.00 for 8.00
Marmot Capeline Reg. 18.00 for 9.00
Black Hare Capeline Reg. 7.00 for 3.75

Ladies' Fur Coats

Canadian Rat, satin lined, first class goods for the price. 1 only Coat
Reg. 65.00 for 35.00
2 only Coats Reg. 115.00 for 70.00
1 only Marmot Coat Reg. 75.00 for 48.00
1 only Rat Coat Reg. 125.00 for 72.00

Lined Coats

Beaver Shell, imitation fur lining, fur collar. A splendid driving coat
Reg. 35.00 for 14.95

Flannelettes

Light and dark stripes, 38 ins. wide, large range of patterns
Reg. 15c. for 9c.

Wrapperettes

Navy's, Reds, Light Blues, Cream Grounds, Pinks, etc. in dots and stripes. What others sell at 15c. our price 9c.

A FEW OF OUR GROCERY PRICES:

Canned Vegetables

Tomatoes, British Canadian, 3 tins, .35
Corn " " 3 " .35
Peas " " 3 " .35
Spinach " " 3 " .35
Asparagus, Libby's " tin, .24
Beets, 2's " " .10
Beets, 3's " " .14

Evaporated Fruits

Prunes, per lb., 8c. 40c. & 13c.
Apples " " 8c.
Cooking Figs " 7c.
Peaches " 10c.
Pears " 10c.
Apricots " 17c.

Fish

Red Salmon, new packed, 1's 16c.
Kip, Herrings " 14c.
Sardines, B " 6c.

Canned Fruits

Blueberries, 2's 2 tins for .25
Lombard Plums, 2's tin .13
Grapefruit, 2's tin .13
Pineapple, slices or cubes " .15
Apricots, 2's " .17
Pears, 2's " .17
Peaches, 2's " .17
Cherries, 2's " .20
Raspberries, 2's " .20
Strawberries, 2's " .22
Pumpkin " 2 tins for .35
Apples, gallon " .30
Peaches, " " .30
Apricots, " " .30

Flour

Seal of Alberta, 68 lbs 3.35
Economy, 98 lbs 3.05

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20 lbs. for .85
Corn Flakes " 8c.

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Tea

Bulk 35c. & 60c.
McLean's Special, 1 lb tin 45c.
Blue Ribbon, 1 lb 35c.

Coffee

Bulk, Blue Ribbon, 1 lb tin 55c.
Chase & Sanborn, lb 40c.
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Sodas

2 lb package 20c.

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R.C. or G. West 6 for 20c.
Fels Naphtha 10 for 70c.
Toilet Soaps, mixed 8 for 25c.
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Klenzo, in tin 15c., 25c., 60c.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, '14

A LOST OPPORTUNITY.

For saying that Mr. Jules Fournier "bore on his forehead the brand of physical degeneracy," that "he was crazy and should be kept under police surveillance"; that, "like dogs under examination for rabies, he was suffering from excess of bile"; that "his brain was atrophied, his soul shrivelled, his intelligence depraved, and his blood dried up"; that "he was the hangman of his betters, and dipped his pen in bile"; and that "he was merely the remains of a man with only the breath of life left in him," Le Soleil of Quebec has been condemned by Judge Demers to pay Mr. Fournier \$200. Had the editor of Le Soleil only known *he*, he could probably have said something really insulting about Mr. Fournier at an additional outlay of about ten cents.

WILL ASK FOR GOVERNMENT HELP.

At the last Council meeting, Monday afternoon, retiring Mayor Carey called, R. B. Welliver, President of the Board of Trade, and E. Michener, M.P.P., were appointed a deputation to wait on the Provincial Government with a view to obtaining relief from the government for the unemployed of Red Deer. The government has extended a large measure of relief to the other five cities of Alberta, and Red Deer is also entitled to the same consideration in proportion to her population. Up to the present time the city has done nobly in attending to all cases of distress, but the strain is too heavy, and help from the government will be welcome at this time.

DAY OF PRAYER.

His Majesty the King, through his representative, the Governor-General, has set aside Sunday, January 3rd, as a day of intercession in all the churches, that the Allies may be successful, that the war may come speedily to an end, and that peace and good will may again reign on the earth. The churches should be crowded on Sunday next.

It warms one's heart to notice the splendid gift from the little village of Fonthill to the distressed poor of Calgary. Something like 800 pounds of turkey, beef, flour and provisions were sent Christmas eve, and Mrs. Norman Stewart, who originated the idea, is to be congratulated on the magnificent success with which her efforts were crowned.

It was the coldest ever known down in Vermont on the 26th, when the thermometer went to 50 below zero in Barre of that State. Other cities of the east report 30 below. We cannot complain of the weather in Alberta.

The Germans try to justify the killing of women and children on the English coast when they bombarded undefended places, but for years after the war is over this action on their part will stick to them as the baby killers of Europe.

The troops of Calgary have been assured they will leave that city for active duty on February 1st.

The Farm and Ranch Review says: In the feeding trials conducted by Mr. G. H. Hutton at Lacombe from wheat fed to hogs turned out to be worth \$1.10 a bushel when the hogs sold for \$6.00 per cwt. This raises the question as to how much better off we are now to sell good wheat at a dollar or less and sacrifice hogs at the ruling prices.

The attempt of the allies to push the Germans out of Belgium has definitely begun, and the result so far recorded in Flanders has converted the German line into a series of tenuously held positions rather than a straight front; at many points allied wedges have been driven in.

WHY BUY AT HOME?

Because our interests are here.
Because the community that is good enough for us to live in is good enough for us to buy in.
Because we believe in transacting business with our friends.
Because we want to see the goods we are buying.
Because we want to get what we buy where we pay for it.
Because some part of every dollar we spend at home stays at home and helps work for the welfare of our home.
Because the home man we buy from stands back of the goods, thus giving value received.
Because the man we buy from pays his share.
Because the man we buy from helps to support our poor and needy, our schools, and our homes.
Because, when luck, misfortune or heretofore custom, the man we buy from is here with his kindly expressions of greeting, his words of cheer, and, if need be, his pocketbook.
Let us make Red Deer a good place to work and live in.
It's easy and certain if everyone will contribute his share.

Edwell Concert and Christmas Tree

The annual concert and Christmas tree was held in the schoolhouse on Tuesday, December 22nd last, and, judging by the crowded condition of the school, it has lost none of its popularity, in fact seemed more looked forward to than ever. The programme contained some very excellent numbers, among which were songs by Miss B. McManan, Joyce Powell and Mr. Powell. The school children, who had been admirably coached by the teacher, Miss F. Greening, and her sister Gladys sang some very pretty songs, and eight of the girls went through a very pretty drill, which was done in excellent time. The Misses Collier, E. McPhee and M. Osborne rendered two part songs entitled "Your King and Country Want You," a recruiting song, and "Sympathy," both of which were much appreciated by the audience. A very amusing dialogue was performed by Vina Morrison and Joyce Powell in costume. Mrs. Darling contributed a recitation and an exhibition of club exercise, and Mr. E. Allen, of Hill End, gave a most amusing reading. It is gratifying to note that each year the children improve in their singing. After the tree had been divested of the various gifts, a sumptuous supper was indulged in, after which the company dispersed to the singing of "God save the King," having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Those, Day, Senior, has been very sick, but is on the mend again. We hope he will continue to improve.

The stork has paid a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Graham, leaving a fine boy in their care. Both mother and son are doing well.

The Edwell Local Union of the U. P. A. is holding the annual general meeting on Wednesday evening in the school house at 7.30 p.m., when all members are expected to turn out and do their duty to the Union by electing officers and delegates for the year 1915.

A dance is to be held at the old Simons in aid of the Belgian relief fund on Friday evening, January 1st, when all dancers are expected to show up.

Seed Testing at Calgary

During the month of November the record number of 444 samples was received at the Calgary Seed Laboratory as against 161 for the same period last year. Farmers sent 257 of this number and seed merchants 187. 386 of the samples were tested for germination, 198 for purity. In the purity tests, of the 50 samples of oats received 48 were found to require labels indicating the noxious weed seeds present, also 5 of the 14 wheats, 5 of the 7 barleys, and all of the white clover samples. In timothy, red clover, alfalfa and alfalfa 8 samples graded No. 1, 14 No. 2, 17 No. 3, and 15 were rejected. With the reports sent out from the laboratory indicating the weed seeds present, information is frequently given for the re-cleaning. This regular routine together with investigation work has necessitated an increase in the Calgary seed examination tests were not complete on receipt of monthly report, but of 73 samples from Saskatchewan tested at the Ottawa Seed Laboratory 18 were over 95 per cent., 41 above and 14 below 63 per cent., with an average of 80 per cent. Saskatchewan oats, tested at Ottawa last year gave an average germination of 91.4 per cent. for the season.

Boer Rebel Executed

London, December 19.—The first Boer rebel to meet the extreme penalty was Captain Fourie, a former officer in the Union defence force, who was executed at Pretoria this morning. The man who conducted the trial was Boer. This would seem to indicate that any of the officers of the Union defence force who joined the rebellion, especially the leaders, will be severely dealt with, although there is some sentiment in the country for leniency.

W. C. T. U. Column

What Money Spent for Liquor Would Pay For.
"The prohibition movement is holding in check any marked increase in the use of alcoholic beverages," is the opinion of the American grocer as quoted in the Waco (Tex.) News. In placing the drink bill of the United States at \$7,724,007,519, however, it enumerates some of the benefits that might be secured if this vast sum which "is spent annually on crime, insanity, sorrow and woe, for poverty and disease, for degradation and death," were turned into legitimate channels. It says: "Seventeen hundred millions spent annually for drink—a sum sufficient to pay interest and sinking fund on the amount necessary to buy comfortable homes for nearly nine million families."
"A sum sufficient to buy a suit of clothes for every man and boy and a dress for every woman and girl in the United States, with enough left over to buy a pair of shoes for everybody."
"If the money spent for drink were spent for homes tenancy would disappear in the United States within one generation."
"If it were spent for education every child in the country would receive a college education."
"If it were spent for automobiles, every family in the country would own a car before 1924."
"If it were spent for religion, it would within less than a decade carry the Gospel to every living creature."
"If it were spent for railroads, it would buy every mile of railroad in the United States in ten years."
"If it were spent for government, it would pay all the expenses of the United States, with enough left over to pay the bonded debt of all the states of the Union."

Prohibition Lowers the Tax Rate.
A bulletin recently issued by the census bureau gives financial statistics of all cities having a population of 30,000 or over, and strikingly relates the statement that prohibition increases taxes.
Comparison of the twenty-four cities between 45,000 and 60,000 in population embraces the Kansas cities of Topeka and Wichita. These two cities are the only ones in this group which are located in prohibition states. Wichita has 59,222 population and Topeka 45,478. While the average tax rate in the twenty-two wet cities of this group is \$19.28 per thousand of assessed valuation, the tax rate of Wichita is only \$15.50, while that of Topeka is given in the bulletin as \$13.10. The current tax rate in Topeka, however, including city, county and state, is but \$10.50.

Only eight of the cities in licensed states have a less rate than Wichita, while none are credited with a smaller rate than the current rate in Topeka. Only one city in the entire list, and that is Atlantic City, with its great hotels, reports a larger assessed valuation than Wichita. This certainly does not indicate lack of prosperity due to prohibition. Although Topeka stands at the bottom of the list in population, only two cities report a larger assessed valuation of property.

In this connection it is interesting to know that the average tax rate in the 376 incorporated towns in Kansas, including county, state and city, is only \$9.97 on the thousand assessed valuation. When it comes to modern improvements and conveniences these Kansas towns "are found right up in the front rank."

TOM GAETZ Starts the New Year with

A PRE-STOCK-TAKING SALE

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When Tom Gaetz starts something, look out; there's something doing. His big Unloading Sale just finished, was a huge success, but such an overwhelming stock could not be cleared out in a few days. NOW COMES THE AFTER CLAP! Thousands of Dollars worth of Dry Goods, Men's Wear, Boots and Shoes, Groceries, Etc., must be cleared out before stock taking.

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2 only good Rat Coats, Reg. \$75.00

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Sale Price, 89.65

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We don't mind losing some money on these Coats, but we need the money, which we can use for the next twelve months. BUY NOW AT LESS THAN WHOLESALE PRICES.

\$20.00 Men's Long Corduroy and Duck Sheepskin Coats, Going at \$10.95

UNDERWEAR

\$1.00 Men's Wool Undershirts, only 50c.
75c. Boys' Odd Undershirts, only 37½c.
\$1.00 Boys' "Hewson's" heavy rib, pure wool, unshrinkable, each 72½c.
\$5.50 Men's Fine Combinations, only \$3.65

Children's, Misses' and Women's Fine Combination or 2-piece Underwear at prices to clear in a few days.

Buy Your Next Winter's Needs Now

Felt Shoes, Moccasins, Etc.

\$2.50 & 2.75 Men's and Women's All Felt Boots, To clear at \$1.95
\$3.50 Men's and Women's Felt Foxed Shoes, No. 1 quality 2.25
\$1.50 10-inch Sheep-Lined Moccasins, Now 1.15
\$2.00 & 2.25 Buck Moccasins, Now 1.45
\$1.25 Men's Lumberman's Sox, Now 85c.
Boys', Misses' and Children's Felt Shoes to clear at similar reductions.

GET WHILE THE GETTING'S GOOD

MEN'S \$20.00

SUITS

Now only

\$13.45

MEN'S \$125.00

COON COATS

Now only

\$79.80

Grocery Specials

Reg. 25c. package Soda Biscuits, Now 20c.
Canner Tomatoes 7 tins for 1.00
Corn and Peas 2 tins for 25c.
Pumpkins, canned 3 tins for 40c.
Quaker Pears and Peaches, 2's, in heavy syrup, per tin 20c.
Raisins, 16 oz. pkg 2 for 25c.
Currants, 16 oz. pkg 2 for 25c.
Chocolate, Baker's, Lowmeyer's and Cowan's, per cake 25c.
Soap, Sunlight 22 bars for 1.00
Soap, Royal Crown and Golden West 2 packages for 45c.
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\$7.50

Women's and Children's Cloth and Fur Coats

\$37.50 Women's Russian Pony, now \$15.00
\$65.00 Women's Rat Lined Coat, good Beaver Shell, 2 only, now \$38.65
\$35.00 Women's Black Beaver Coat, Sable Collar, one only, now \$22.75

\$4.00 & \$5.00

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SIFTON GOVERNMENT TO AID CITIES OVER WINTER

Edmonton, December 24.—Premier Sifton has written to the mayors of Calgary and Edmonton during the months of January, February and March. This is a total of \$22,500 each in place of the \$50,000 asked by each.

"To the cities of Medicine Hat and Lethbridge, the government will give \$1,500 per month each during the same period. A total of \$4,500 each instead of the \$15,000 each."

These letters are now in the mail.

New Year's Happiness

For those who love good, fresh, tender meats is here awaiting all who will take the opportunity of purchasing at Wilson & Teasdale's market.

We carry only the best grades of Beef, Lamb, Mutton, Veal, Pork and Poultry; always have all the desirable cuts on hand, and guarantee satisfaction.

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Pork Chops 2 lbs. for 25c. Pork Sausages 2 lbs. for 25c.

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Boiling Beef 8c. to 10c. Sirloin Steak, lb. 20c.
Good Roasts from 12 1/2c. Hamburger Steak, 2 lbs. 25c.
Round Steak, per lb. 17 1/2c.

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Swift's Premium Hams, 22c. Smoked Bacon, lb. 20c.
Peamealed Back Bacon, 25c. "sliced 25c.
Swift's Boiled Hams 35c.

FISH

Fresh Oysters, quart 80c. Halibut 2 lbs. for 25c.
Salmon, per lb. 15c. Fresh Cod Fish, 2 lbs. for 25c.
No. 1 brand Finnan Haddies, 15c.

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DISTRICT NEWS

Will our correspondents please note that we go to press Tuesday, and news reaching us later than Monday's noon mail cannot be used for the current week's issue.

PENHOLD.

The Penhold Rifle Association dance invitation are out for Thursday night. This is always one of the best dances of the season and is sure to be well patronized.

We wish The News a Happy New Year.

Rev. Archdeacon Dewdney conducted service in St. George's Church on Sunday morning.

W. Walker and Jim Glasgow, who have been in barracks at Calgary, are visiting friends in Penhold. They are looking well and anxious to go off to the front.

The school Christmas tree was a great success. Mr. Colley is to be congratulated on this event. The entire programme was by the children, and old Santa arrived heavily loaded.

Miss Edna Stewart is visiting her relatives in Penhold.

OLDS.

The Girl Guides have found a novel way of raising funds to pay for their uniforms. They attend the rink every night, also match nights, and dispense hot coffee and sandwiches.

Mrs. R. J. Cox, of Red Deer, accompanied by Miss Eva and Master George, were guests of Mrs. Leeder, Saturday, while en route to Paisley, Ont.

DELBURNE.

A well attended meeting to consider the advisability of forming a consolidated school district of Delburne, Gaetz Valley and Rosedale, was held on December 22nd, and addressed by P. H. Thibadeau, Inspector of schools of the Stettler district. The Inspector demonstrated that amalgamation would give better education at a lower cost. Delburne offered them well equipped school building free if the arrangement goes into effect.

The Delburne School Board have received notice from the Department that the school debentures have been sold at 98 at 7 per cent.

LACOMBE.

"All Gadsby's Fault," the three act comedy staged at the Comet Theatre, December 21st is considered to be the best thing staged in Lacombe, by either professional or

amateur companies. This is high praise for all concerned.

The Edmonton Penants visited Lacombe on Christmas night and defeated the locals in a good hockey game by 9 to 3.

PONOKA.

There will be a turkey shoot at the Ireland farm on New Year's Day. On November 24th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Henderson, of Glen Hewitt, a son.

Receipts of the Ponoka branch of the patriotic fund amount to \$634.00.

RED DEER EAST.

Among the many good things last week Springfield's Christmas tree was among the number. A good crowd was present, and did their part in making the evening a success. Every item on the programme was well received.

Special mention might be made of the flag drill by eight girls. Santa Claus performed his part to the delight and enjoyment of all. The Giving Tree was well supported, and the presents were all turned over to the Salvation Army.

Rev. H. H. Barton, the former pastor at Horn Hill, spent Christmas visiting friends in the district. All were pleased to have him speak Sunday night at Horn Hill church.

Rev. A. Barner, Superintendent of Missions, will visit Red Deer East circuit on January 10th. He will preach at Antler Hill on that date at 11.15 a.m., at Horn Hill 4 p.m., and Clearview 8 p.m. On Monday night, the 11th, he will speak in Springfield church at eight o'clock. Mr. Barner will have a message for all.

RAVEN RIPPINGS.

December 26th, 1914.

Beautiful Christmas weather.

A Happy New Year to all.

D. A. Adams and Frank Hopkins spent Christmas on the road, from Innisfail, enjoying a good Christmas dinner at Mr. Beeson's stopping place, getting home late in the evening.

The I.O.D.E., of Innisfail, which means the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, are doing great things for the poor families in and around Innisfail this Christmas. They have sent large Christmas boxes of clothing, toys and food to a number of families at Raven. Also the I.O.D.E. have sent similar Xmas boxes to various places, such as Keiserville, Red Raven, Caroline and Stauffer. Now that Christmas is past they are concentrating their

efforts along the lines of the Red Cross Society. They deserve great credit and unstinted assistance in this work.

Nomination of L.I.D. 1st Monday in January, and election 2nd Monday in January.

U.F.A. meeting, 2nd Wednesday in January, at 2.30 p.m., in Raven hall.

Everybody is home for Xmas from hunting and trapping, all reporting good luck.

The Crownhurst Poultry Farm is still expanding, having bought 30 head of barred Plymouth Rocks last week. They have three breeds of chickens, one breed of ducks, and two of geese; also sheep, pigs and tame black rabbits. They are shipping eggs and rabbits to a popular cafe on 8th Ave., Calgary, at good prices.

There is good skating at Crownhurst Lake.

Turn over a new leaf and subscribe at once for the best local paper in these parts, the Red Deer News. Hand your subscription and advertising matter to D. A. Adams, Raven, Alta.

BECKVILLE.

The children of the Beckville district were well pleased with the arrangements made by Santa Claus for their special benefit. The success of the evening was contributed to by everyone in the village.

Before the arrival of Santa, the children, assisted by Mrs. Kidd, Mrs. D. Clausen, Mrs. Pykiet, and Messrs. Litt, Warburton, Uimari, Palmer and Eckford, gave a short vocal and instrumental programme.

We must make special mention of Mr. John Watherson's rendering of that pathetic ballad, entitled "I am waiting, my darling, for thee," which almost brought tears to the eyes of the audience. Some people were heard to say that gentle Santa bore a close resemblance to Mr. Litt, but of course that is possible, too. In any case his efforts were greatly appreciated by the children.

Messrs. Erickson and Williams are buying hops to ship, which will be glad news to the many hop-growers who have animals to dispose of. We venture to state that there has been more produce, grain and stock shipped out of Beckville this fall than out of any town on the Brazeau line. Potatoes, oats, wheat, poultry, etc., not one ear, but many, have gone from here, and the shippers are still loading.

What we must have now is a telephone system. Must is a strong word, but it goes, if the farmers and merchants have to build the lines themselves. It's nearly as far away to election time as it is to Tipperary, and we can't afford to wait. The farmers know they are losing dollars for want of a telephone. Get busy.

We wish everybody a Happy and

Prosperous New Year.

CONDOR.

Hauling of lumber to different stations on the A.C.R. line from Mr. Peterson's mill is the order of the day. Everything looks very promising.

Mr. Adams, merchant, Horseguard, is taking in a quantity of cordwood with a view to shipping it to Calgary. Prices are not quite yet what we would wish, but it is expected that before long a higher price will be realized, then farmers will make money in that line and also in fence posts. We would like to take the opportunity of asking anyone who is desiring cordwood or fence posts to advertise for same in the News.

A most enjoyable night was spent lately in the home of Mr. A. L. Macdonald. One of the company gave some very interesting and enjoyable music on the Bassinet.

Messrs. Card, Leslieville, moved their sawmill out west, where they resumed their winter work. Messrs. Black paid them a visit lately.

At every station crowd are awaiting the trains anxious for the latest war news, and there is a great demand for the daily papers.

POPLAR RIDGE.

The Misses Staples and Miss Nellie Bowen are home for the holidays.

Miss Olga Soderman returned home from teaching at Caroline, and leaves

on Saturday for Calgary, where she will attend Normal last term.

School closed on the 23rd with a concert in the evening, which consisted of recitations by young and old, also dialogues and vocal and instrumental music.

It is not yet decided when school will reopen for next term.

The School Board have at last awakened to the duties and had the storm windows put on last Saturday.

German Offensive Has Been Broken Says Petrograd Report

Rome, December 24.—The German offensive against Warsaw and against the Russian forces before Cracow have been everywhere broken, says a despatch from Petrograd.

The successful assaults upon both wings of General von Hindenburg's army on the Brera have checked his ability to advance.

Before Cracow, it is further declared, the Russian advance guards are again in the vicinity of that city.

Copenhagen, December 24.—Private advice from Berlin admit for the first time that the Russian retreat in Poland was not a big defeat for the Czar's troops, but only a strategic retreat into better positions previously fortified for just such an assault.

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CULTIVATION OF THE GARDEN

Mr. J. Grant MacGregor's Paper Before The Horticultural Society

Mr. President, Ladies and

Gentlemen,—

I can assure you I consider it both a pleasure and honor to be called upon to address this Society. I am pleased to see by this meeting and by your records that the membership is so largely representative of ladies, particularly as we can be assured of the interest and success in every movement in which we have their co-operation. No one in which the fair sex can be engaged could be more appropriate than the beautifying of the home and the cultivation of flowers. I have to thank your president for the kindly reference he has made to me and my abilities as a horticulturist, but when I heard him say that I was one of the two specialists chosen annually to address this society I felt as if a mistake had been made in the selection.

When I was asked by a prominent member of this Society, a few days ago, if I would address this meeting on some subject pertaining to horticulture, the suggestion seemed to coincide with something that was uppermost in my mind, and I fear I have been too hasty in giving my consent, particularly as I have been at that time somewhat in the dark as to the real existence, scope and attainments of such a flourishing institution as the Horticultural Society of Red Deer.

I trust that on account of the short time at my disposal for arranging my subject matter I may be excused if I make use of copious notes for I can assure you I have to do this more out of respect for my audience than consideration for myself, anticipating that I might get lost in a labyrinth of technicalities pertaining to the subject.

Horticulture is one of the three great divisions of the art of ancient husbandry if I may so call it, the other two being arboriculture and agriculture. What I already mentioned as being uppermost in my mind had reference more particularly to the art of arboriculture, or the improvement of natural landscapes by artificial means and conversely the beautifying of artificial landscapes by natural means.

Horticulture although distinctly separated as an industry from agriculture or arboriculture is nevertheless so closely allied to the other two divisions as to be capable of being studied and practised along with them, and is only specialized when the greatest degree of cultivation is desirable as a science in order that the results obtained may be distributed for the benefit of mankind.

Horticultural Societies are universal and have proven to be of a veritable benefit to mankind. For this reason no community can make a mistake in giving its undivided support to their maintenance. Horticultural Societies date as far back as the beginning of the last century.

The Royal Horticultural Society of London was instituted in 1808, the Caledonian Horticultural Society of Edinburgh in 1810.

To Germany, however, belongs the honor of being the first country to institute a society of this kind, that of Altona in 1803 and now or at least before the war almost every small community in Germany could boast of a Horticultural Society, and it is almost impossible to know a country which has devoted so much attention and pains to the peaceful cultivation of the soil and had such an admiration for the transient beauty of the homes of the fatherland could imbibe the hatred and bitterness of soil which has led to the present conflict of modern civilization.

I trust that this may be an object lesson to each one of us to cultivate nobility and love in our hearts as well as beautiful flowers in our gardens. In endeavoring to discover the best means by which this object could be instructive to my hearers, and of the greatest benefit to the Society as a whole I first thought of offering a few questions for the transient beauty of the homes of the fatherland could imbibe the hatred and bitterness of soil which has led to the present conflict of modern civilization.

The first consideration confronting us is the effect of climate and soil on the successful cultivation of flowers, fruits and vegetables. The fact that we have to contend with severe climatic conditions in the Province of Alberta should to my mind not be a very discouraging one. The quality of the soil at my site is no barrier, and with a certain amount of skill in the selection and propagation of the most suitable kinds of fruits, flowers and vegetables we are going to get results in quality and abundance which will be second to none in the Dominion.

In the case of flowers the fact that some of the finest varieties can be produced under adverse conditions in this climate makes the results of our efforts more valuable and better appreciated, for no flower is more prized than the lovely desert rose or snowdrop in January. Transient frost does not always intensify our appreciation rather the reverse and it is just on this point that I would like to dwell this evening.

The best results are usually obtained in floriculture where flowers are grown in clusters of the same color and not grown in rows as is often seen in a border in the vegetable garden. For the good of the plants as well as the effect to be produced each variety should be grown in clusters. It is quite permissible and often desirable to have the same variety in the same cluster if planted in rows or concentric circles the rows should be kept well apart as well as the individual plants.

the gushing of a mill, there is music in all things if men had ears, the arch is but an echo of the spheres." It would appear therefore that a human being is a responsive creature by nature, and that the finer instincts implanted in our souls by an all-wise Creator find a ready response in kindred elements in the creation by the same Author for our souls to feed upon.

To be more explicit I would venture to say, without oversteering the enchanted ground, that our physical beings are possessed of many of the same qualities in nature such as protuberance, color, light, sound, magnetism, etc., and to be purely a child of nature a human being should be in constant telepathic communication with those elements or souls of them as seem to have the least influence, and most pleasing and natural effect on our senses.

In this respect it is interesting to watch the ecstasies a child will exhibit at the sight of a flower or the fragrance of a flower. This pleasing sensation invariably deteriorates as the child grows older depending on its environment, but when it is a flower, one cannot but be drawn to it with great interest and enthusiasm. Often, however, the reverse the case, and the love of music and flowers becomes a lost art, tastes deprive them of the natural food of the soul.

It is remarkable how Providence has been so indulgent to the deprived of the faculty of sight by providing the perfume of a flower so pleasing to the organ of smell and often bringing to the mind with the sweetest perfumes are lacking in beauty, which would be of no value to the blind.

It is true then that we all more or less inherit those finer instincts in youth we should be careful not to impair them by the mode of life we live. It should be our duty to turn our attention to the conservation of those precious instincts in the youth of the age in which we live. Our Western pioneers on account of distracting conditions and busy lives may be excused for neglecting the cultivation of those finer instincts, but along with the arts of husbandry, one of the all facilities now at our disposal of educating the rising generation to higher and nobler tastes, we are not likely to be excused if we neglect them.

It is almost certain that sincere admiration for flowers, music and the work of the Creator in nature, will sooner or later become, it is already acknowledged to be the acid test for moral character.

Patriotism, paternal affection and fraternity are almost invariably associated with the love of producing men and poets to whom alone we can turn for examples of true inspiration. But let us have your trust to you this evening permit me now to say something about the practical side of the arts of Horticulture and Arboriculture and their relation to the beautifying of our homes.

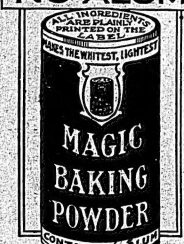
The tendency of the present age is to withdraw from first principles and regard those things which appear to the finer instincts of our nature as commonplace and yet we wonder why our country today is producing men of genius like our earlier statesmen and poets to whom alone we can turn for examples of true inspiration. But let us have your trust to you this evening permit me now to say something about the practical side of the arts of Horticulture and Arboriculture and their relation to the beautifying of our homes.

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in each row. The result will usually be a much better developed bloom with richer and deeper coloring.

A good effect of course can be obtained when the general plan is to grow flowers in narrow borders. To get the best effect it is essential in every case whether the front garden is large or small to have a well made lawn. If spaces will permit one flower bed in the centre of each small flower plot is all that is necessary.

On no account where the lawn is small should the common rapidly growing tall trees be planted in the flower garden. The worst street is obtained by a row of low shrubs or a hedge along the fence with an ornamental tree at each corner and where there is no flower bed in the lawn, a shrub in the centre of each grass plot. The boulevard or the back yard is the proper place for tall shade trees. If it is desirable to have a small circular flower bed in the centre of each grass plot it should be planted with growing plants in the centre such as—Canna Lillies, Wines or Gladioli.

Window boxes are always effective and make a most pleasing crowding into every nook and cranny or string along the verandah. They require constant care and watering and should always be planted with dwarf shrubs, flowers and trailing plants. There is perhaps nothing more desirable than the effect which is obtained from climbing plants on a verandah. Creeper, or even wild cucumber vine, covering the verandah. It gives the home a rustic appearance and adds greatly to its beauty and attractiveness.

The landscape effect obtained from an artistic arrangement of the shade trees in the lawn is the law, and is always more attractive from the outside than a few isolated floral wonders in our gardens. It enhances the value of the property, and residential quarters and adds considerably to the effectiveness of the part performed by the corporation in beautifying the boulevards and parks.

In conclusion something might be said in regard to the methods that should be adopted in order to raise flowers and vegetables successfully from seed in the climate of Alberta. There is nothing so costly and disappointing as to have an amateur grower should waste the seasons year after year experimenting with different varieties of seed and various conditions of soil and methods of cultivation, yet this is what is taking place with a great many who are not disposed to consult experts or take advantage of the interchange of ideas afforded by a society of this kind. I presume that the object of this society is to promote the exchange of ideas among its members and welcome the public to its meetings for the purpose of free discussion. Although many of us may have experience of his kind under more favorable climatic conditions our experience in the climate of Alberta may only extend over a few years and can only be considered amateurs in the respect compared with the older residents who have been successful in the cultivation of flowers and vegetables in Alberta to start the most of our members to promote the exchange of ideas among its members and welcome the public to its meetings for the purpose of free discussion.

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ment must be used in the choice of fertilizers and the proper quantity to use. It is a mistake to think that soil, however rich, even when it can produce the best results without the addition of some kind of fertilizer such as lime ammonia, or well rotted stable manure, scattered over the surface of the newly dug ground in the fall.

Our difficulties are by no means over when the seed is sown.

The care of the garden from weeds and the thinning out process will require all our vigilance. In the matter of weeding our efforts are considerably helped by making sure when sowing that the rows or hills are kept well apart and the free use of the ditch hoe, an implement almost unknown in Alberta.

I regret that it was impossible in the time at my disposal to cover the ground in more detail, but it is to be hoped that the points raised will lead to free discussion at one or two meetings of the Society, and that the fundamental principles underlying the suggestions referred to at the outset are not lost sight of. Only this much may be accomplished by my frail efforts in the short time my disposal will permit me to say that I am fully compensated for performing a duty which I feel I owe to this Society for the honor and pleasure it affords me to be here this evening.

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SPORT NOTES

FOOTBALL IN THE OLD COUNTRY.

There has been a fresh agitation lately in England concerning the playing of football during the war. There are, of course, two sides to every question, but it is surely exceeding the limit when supposedly educated men make such statements as appeared in the Athletic News, as follows:

That every club that employs a professional football player is helping a needed recruit to refrain from enlistment, and every spectator who pays his gate money is contributing so much towards a German victory.

One critic takes the line that the football authorities are to blame for keeping the Cup matches going, allowing players from their duty by fat wages, and the spectators by selfish pleasure. These are hard words, and not a credit to the man who uses them. Contracts between clubs, and players for the 1914-15 season, were made months before war was thought about, and in no one case has a player been refused permission to go to the front, and it is estimated that 100,000 players and supporters have joined the colors. What would be gained by closing down football?

The average supporter of the game starts on every day of the week, finishing at 6 p.m., except on Saturday, when he finishes at 1 p.m. This gives him Saturday afternoon for health and pleasure, and he spends his few hours of sunshine in the open air at the football match. Take that bit of pleasure from him, and what has he got left—an afternoon's drinking at the public house. Has not the average working man in England done his duty as a volunteer? For the answer read the numbers that have flocked to the colors. Taking a man's only pleasure from him will not make him enlist. Neither should a man be forced into the army, and then called a volunteer. When the public feel that football, or any other sport, is a detriment to the war, they will not support it, and the authorities will be wise in not paying attention to cranks. A soldier's letter on the subject is worth reading, in the Athletic News:

WHAT SOLDIERS SAY.

We have received so many applications from soldiers with the Expeditionary Force and the sailors in the North Sea, that we have offered to supply the authorities with a large supply of football paper for free distribution among the ranks.

Private Fiske, of the Norfolk Regiment, the ex-goalkeeper of Blackpool, and a signed player of Nottingham Forest, writes us as follows from the front:—

"I have read with interest your notice on the players' wages and the noble game of football. I can assure you, no matter whether our regiment is fighting or resting, the men are all talking about their favorite teams, and are as delighted as if they were at home to know how their teams are going on. I have the Athletic News from home nearly every week, but we don't get it until a fortnight later. I am the only one who has it sent in my regiment, and I am proud to see the boys crowding round me for the news and rolling up to borrow it. There isn't much left of it after they have read it. It does one good."

"I am glad the big clubs are helping the little ones. Everyone cannot go to the front, and there should be amusement for the men who are doing the fighting. As football is the great game in England, it takes the mind off the horrors of war. I have heard luck to the boys who keep the League flag flying. I had to come away from my new club before I played for them—Nottingham Forest—but the directors are keeping my wife and child with me. I return. That shows that football does a lot of good. You mustn't say football does not help the Army, can tell you. The boys out here know as much about football as I do—and a bit more. I see my old team, Blackpool, are not doing so well at present. I wish them better luck—and also all the teams. I hope the Forest finishes well too."

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H. H. GAETZ, Secretary.
Dec. 30, 1914.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Everette Trump leaves Sunday for Detroit, Michigan.

A. H. Lohsberg spent the week end in Calgary.

T. A. Gaetz is away at Calgary on a business trip.

Laurie H. Smith and Mrs. Smith spent Christmas at Olds.

"The Master Key," at the Lyric, New Year's Day. See it.

S.O.E. hold a White Rose meeting tonight at eight o'clock.

Mrs. David Wilson, of Coronation is the guest of Mrs. Mowat.

Fenton Billingshurst spent Christmas with his brother at Water Glen.

Tuesday, December 21st, was the shortest day. Watch the days lengthen.

Thos. S. Tallman, of Vancouver, is visiting his brother, Mr. F. H. Tallman.

The pupils of the Red Deer High School held a reunion in the Assembly Hall last evening.

F. Anquetil is another recipient of a letter recovered from the wreck of the S.S. Empress of Ireland.

Miss Norma Day and brother Vic spent the Christmas holidays with their parents at Willowdale.

E. Plumb, of Blackfalds, reports that his two boys caught seven coyotes during the last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Egleston, of Calgary, were visitors to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cornett over the holidays.

Mrs. Hliss and children, of Custer, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wallace.

A. R. Woods, of the Bank of Commerce, Calgary, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cunningham.

Mrs. G. B. Good left for San Francisco, California, on Monday on a three months' visit to her son and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Richardson, of Dayland, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Byers over Christmas.

E. T. Hacking, manager of the Merchants Bank at Leduc, spent Christmas with his brother, F. M. Hacking.

E. George, D. Wright and Leslie Reilly were down from Edmonton to spend Christmas with relatives and friends in the city.

The January meeting of the Women's Institute will be held the second Saturday, January 9th, instead of the 1st Saturday, January 2nd.

Len Cooper, clothes presser and cleaner, thanks his patrons for past support, and hopes for a continuance of the same throughout the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Horn and children left yesterday for the east. Mr. Horn will return in a month's time, and Mrs. Horn and children in the spring.

Alderman E. G. Johns will address the Men's Brotherhood at their meeting in the city hall Sunday afternoon. His subject will be modern Italy.

E. J. Ramsey, who has taken over the Massey-Harris agency in Red Deer, comes well recommended, having been with the company for fifteen years.

School Inspector W. J. McLean spent a few hours with friends in the city yesterday. He attended the reunion of the High School pupils in the evening.

A number of Red Deer's young people leave for Normal School this week, including Ada Dale, Myrtle Smith, Gladys Dym, Myrtle Eldridge, Colvin Chadsey, Harold Muldrew and others.

"A New Year's Message to the Man Who Believes" will be the subject of study at the morning service in the Presbyterian Church next Sunday. In the evening the subject will be "A New Year's Message to the Man Who Doubts."

A grand charity ball, in aid of the relief fund, will be held at the Parish Hall on New Year's night, Friday, January 1st. The patronesses are Mrs. Loe, Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. Whitehouse, Mrs. W. A. Moore, Mrs. Lord and Mrs. Welliver. Tickets, one dollar cash.

A union watchnight service will be held in the lecture room of the Methodist church on Thursday evening, commencing at 10.45. The public are cordially invited. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the close of next Sunday morning's service.

Major H. L. Gaetz is feeling good these days, and smoking harder than ever, he being the fortunate recipient of a case of briar pipes, and a silver cigarette case from the boys of the 2nd Contingent at Calgary. The gift was accompanied by a letter, as follows: "To Major Gaetz, from the members of the 2nd Contingent, enlisted at Red Deer by him, as a small token of appreciation for his kindness to the members of that contingent."

The second entertainment under the management of the choir will take place in the Knox Presbyterian Church next Monday evening, January 4th, at 8.30. The admission, except to season ticket holders, is 50c. Dr. Mattison Chase is a lecturer of national reputation, and has won thousands of friends by his witty, humorous, and withal sound logical lectures all over the entire North American continent. Those who hear him next Monday will be assured of a good laugh and carry away some good practical suggestions as well.

Jack Glaslason is home from Normal School, Calgary.

The Misses Pierce are visiting their sister, Mrs. J. H. Kemp, at Olds.

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J. R. Graham, of Craigsmile, Alberta, is spending the Christmas holidays with his aunt, Mrs. W. P. Landon.

Vernon Nash, of Vernon, B.C., is spending a couple of weeks' holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Nash.

Miss Ada Dale, who has been teaching at Leducville, is home again for a few days before leaving for Normal School.

Ronald Wood, C.P.R. ticket agent, Calgary, Mrs. Wood, and Master Fred, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Wood.

Miss Verna Lees is home again from Normal school at Camrose. We understand she will teach school in the Evans district.

"The Patrol of the Sun Dance Trail," by Ralph Connor. Chums; Boys' Own Annual, and holiday presents at John McVicar's; also sleighs.

The Honorable Secretary of the Overseas Club Tobacco Fund, general at buildings, Aldwych, London, W.C., acknowledges with thanks the receipt of three pounds, five shillings, for the fund from C. A. Jullien, Sharnam, donated by citizens of Red Deer for tobacco for the soldiers at the front.

Nearly everyone in Red Deer remembers the many good things seen in "90 Miles From Broadway" last season, as presented by the Morton Company at the Lyric. Now comes the announcement that this same clever organization will be with us on New Year's eve, presenting the famous comedy "The Duke of Ireland," which is heralded as "a vast sea of joy." Frank Morton will be seen again as "Casey," supported by Jack Fleming, the silver-toned tenor, Gladys Vaughan, Charles Greiner, Valva Trussel, and other high class artists. Seats now on sale at Gaetz Cornett's, the price of admission being 25c, 50c and 75c.

In compliance with a proclamation issued by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada, Sunday, January 3rd, has been set aside as a special day of instruction and prayer by the Church of England in Canada for those who have gone to the war, and that God's blessing may be invoked upon the cause for which the Allies are contending, and a rightful peace speedily follow. A special service will be held in St. Luke's church at 11 a.m. on that day, at which the Ven. Archdeacon Arthur J. B. Dewdney will preach. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and the regular service of choral evensong at 7.30 p.m.

ST. LUKE'S CHRISTMAS TREE.

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment for the children and families of St. Luke's Parish, Church of England, was given on Monday evening, December 29th, under the auspices of the Sunday School.

Supper was served for the children and their friends from five-thirty to seven p.m., followed by an intermission, during which time games were played, the children thoroughly enjoying themselves.

The entertainment opened about eight o'clock with the singing of the carol, "Carol, sweetly carol, a Saviour born today," by the Sunday School. An excellent programme given by the children followed.

After the entertainment all assembled in the lower hall, where a well lighted and decorated tree awaited them. Santa Claus arrived on time, and the carol "When Shepherds watched their flocks by night" was sung. Then followed the distribution of presents, candies, nuts and oranges, and all went home feeling that a most enjoyable evening had been spent.

Hearty thanks and appreciation are due to the teachers who worked very hard to make it such a success, and also to all those who assisted during the evening.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Louis Morton 80 Poplar Street, on Thursday evening, December 24th, by the Rev. W. G. Brown, Miss Elizabeth Sophia Morton to Mr. Alexander Greenway, of Red Deer.

At the home of Jno. W. Boughton, Red Deer, December 27th, 1914, by Rev. Dr. Wilson, Mrs. Ellen Barker to Percy Osment Griffin, of Hardisty.

Teddy Moores will attend Normal School at Calgary.

A. M. Shook left Saturday on a visit to friends at Leduc.

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Oats—Extra No. 1, 46c; No. 1, 38c.

Barley—No. 3, 48c.

Hogs, \$5.70; turkeys, 11c; chickens, 6c; fowl, 5c; geese, 9c; ducks, 5c.

Timothy, \$11; upland, \$7; hides, 74c.

Meat in America to be Rarify Before War's End

Chicago, December 26.—"Meat in America will be a rarity before the war ends, with its drain on our supply," said Henry J. Williamson, government statistician in the department of agriculture, yesterday. "The number of cattle has diminished and the population increased progressively for 10 years, until now they are too widely divergent to get a full supply for at least 10 years more."

Mr. Williamson has been in Chicago and the west more than a month visiting in stock centers.

"Galeses scientific breeding for instance is general, and the slaughter of calves ceases, before five years have expired America will find herself in the class of European countries that have to import beef," continued Mr. Williamson.

Increased prices for meat and leather goods were forecast by government and stockyard experts, who have compiled figures estimating the available supply of cattle at \$5,000,000, including calves, yearlings, and full grown stock.

FOUND.

A gold bracelet, bearing initials in three letters. Owner can have same by paying for advertisement. Apply News Office. Dec. 30.

FOUND.

A sleigh with side and back rails attached, and also harness, for sale by paying for advertisement. Apply Chief of Police. Dec. 30.

LOST.

A pair of eye glasses, with chain attached, in a case marked L. L. Doremus & Co., Bellingham, Wash. Apply MRS. C. B. SCHULZ, Business Store. Dec. 30, 31.

LAND WANTED.

Improved half-section or three-quarter section. Apply CUNNINGHAM LAND CO. Dec. 23, 1m.

FOR SALE.

For sale, at right prices, milk cows and heifers, calves at foot, or due to calve soon. Or will trade for steers or beef animals. Address T. U. SARCHET, Minerton or Red Deer. Dec. 30, 31.

FOR SALE.

Improved quarter, with house and buildings, fenced. Well. Sixty acres plowed ready for seeding. Price \$11,000 an acre if sold at once. \$1,000.00 can remain on mortgage. —CUNNINGHAM LAND CO. Red Deer, Dec. 30, 2w.

NOTICE.

The Oddfellows' Lodge will hold a meeting on Monday night next for the installation of officers for 1915. All members are requested to be present. Refreshments will be served. Dec. 30, 1w.

WANTED.

Listings of any kind of farm or town property that is for trade. —CUNNINGHAM LAND CO. Dec. 23, 1m.

HERBERT KING.

Bookkeeper, Auditor, &c. Books written up; accounts sent out, &c.

Official auditor for schools. 90 Poplar St., Red Deer.

NORTH RED DEER TAXES

On all taxes remaining unpaid after Thursday next, the 31st inst., a penalty of 5 per cent will be added. During January, the Tax Enforcement Return will be prepared, and will include all lands on which taxes are owing. For convenience of ratepayers, the Secretary-Treasurer will receive taxes at the Village Office from 9.30 to 12.30 a.m., and at his private office in the News Block, from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m., on Thursday next.

J. EDWARD WELTON, Secretary-Treasurer

P.O. Box 504

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